

# ALAMOWORLD TRAVEL PRESENTS FOR THE SUNNYVALE SENIORS

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# RICHES OF THE MEKONG

# **MARCH 18-APRIL 1, 2020**

7-NIGHT CRUISE FROM SIEM REAP TO HO CHI MINH CITY
WITH 3 NIGHTS SIEM REAP PRE-CRUISE & 2 NIGHTS HO CHI MINH CITY POST-CRUISE

# PRE-CRUISE OPTION OF 2 NIGHTS HANOI, 1 NIGHT HA LONG BAY,

Cruise along the Mekong through Cambodia and Vietnam as you are transported back in time to another era, where the rhythms of the countryside move at a slower pace and allow for a fascinating glimpse into a traditional way of life. Visit rural villages, colorful markets and a monastery, where you will receive a special Buddhist blessing by monks. Delve into the peaks and valleys of Cambodia's history in the Royal Palace and National Museums of its beautiful capital, Phnom Penh. Witness skilled artisans who create exquisite handicrafts and delicacies, and be treated to authentic experiences, including rides via oxcart, tuk tuk and trishaw. On this transformative journey, the Mekong truly reveals a vibrant world along its shores.









The City of Sunnyvale encourages persons with disabilities to participate in our recreation programs. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations, please let us know when you register, (408) 730-7360, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Non-Resident Fee of \$50 per person due at time of final pament. (Make check payable to City of Sunnyvale)

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1-2 OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO CAMBODIA (Cross international date line)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap Cambodia.

#### DAY3SIEM REAP

Arrive in Siem Reap and transfer to the Sofitel Angor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort (or similar) for a 3 night stay in this most unique and scenic area of Cambodia.

#### DAY 4 SIEM REAP-ANGKOR

Begin your morning exploration of the Angkor temple complex at Angkor Thom, meaning "the great city." This is home to Bayon Temple, best known for its gigantic smiling stone faces, as well as the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. You'll then visit nearby Ta Prohm, known as the "Kingdom of Trees," for the way in which the temple stones have become intertwined with thick forest vegetation over the centuries. Afternoon excursions take you to the fascinating jewel in the crown of Angkorian art, Banteay Srei, meaning "Citadel of Women," as it has been said that the carving is too fine to have been done by the hand of man. Cap this memorable day off with a special "Apsara Dance Show" at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers. (B,D)

#### DAY 5 SIEM REAP-ANGKOR

Discover the heart and soul of Cambodia and the most iconic of all Angkorian Temples, Angkor Wat. This is one of the largest religious monuments ever constructed and a true masterpiece of Khmer architecture built by King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century to honor the Hindu god, Vishnu. (B,D)

### DAY 6 EMBARKATION-KAMPONG CHAM, CAMBODIA.

Transfer via motorcoach to the AmaDara in Kampong Cham for your seven-night cruise. Board a motorcoach to the Twin Mountains, known as Phnom Pros and Phnom Srei (male and female mountains). In the annals of Khmer legend, the twin mountains were formed as the result of a competition between the men and women of an ancient Cambodian kingdom to resolve which gender would be responsible for wedding proposals. Later, join fellow guests for an evening Welcome Dinner. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7 ANGKOR BAN - OKNHATAY

During the morning, go on a walking tour to Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. Here people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep their old cultural traditions alive. Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers. After visiting here, the ship sails to Oknhatey or "Silk Island," located on the lush banks of the Mekong River. This island is known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you'll visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving that have been preserved for centuries. Your ship moors in Oknhatey village. (B.L.D)

#### DAY 8 OUDONG-KAMPONGTRALACH-PHNOM PENH

Your cruise continues to sail to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. The morning excursion takes you to Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. After visiting Oudong, be treated to a truly authentic excursion, an oxcart ride through a local village Kampong Tralach. Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 9 PHNOM PENH

This morning's excursion takes you to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum). Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling yellow-colored Central Market. After lunch on board, you'll explore the highlights of the city, followed by a visit to the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. (B,L,D)

# DAY 10 PHNOM PENH-BORDER CROSSING-TAN CHAU, VIETNAM

Spend the day cruising the Mekong River as your ship crosses the border into Vietnam. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11 TAN CHAU-SADEC

Visit Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. You will have the opportunity to enjoy an authentic experience via a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops, followed by a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to "Evergreen Island." Alternatively, take a boat ride to Evergreen Island and return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, cruise to Sa Dec. (B,L,D)

## DAY 12 SADEC - XEO QUYT - CAI BE

Once ashore in Sa Dec, tour the town where French writer Marguerite Duras spent many years in her youth. Visit a colorful local market and the 19th-century house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, on whom her prize-winning novel "The Lover" is said to be based. Later, board a motorcoach for Xeo Quyt, once used as a military base during the French war and now an important ecological site. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, and the historic Kiet Old House. In Cai Be, cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 13 HO CHIMINH CITY (MY THO PORT) - DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the AmaDara in My Tho Port and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. Check into the Sofitel Saigon Plaza (or similar) for a 2 night stay. Vietnam's former capital of Indochina was once known as "Paris of the Orient," and today, it is an industrial, cultural and educational hub. Explore such famous landmarks as the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum before visiting the Ben Thanh Market—one of the oldest and most iconic structures in Ho Chi Minh City. (B)

#### DAY 14 HO CHIMINH CITY

Visit Chu Chi Tunnels, an immense underground network built during the Vietnam War. Spend your afternoon at leisure exploring more of HoChiM inhCity. (B)

#### DAY 15 DEPART HO CHIMINH CITY/FLIGHT HOME

Bid farewell to Vietnam as you prepare to depart. This concludes a most memorable land and cruise tour of Vietnam, Cambodia and the Mekong Delta. (B)

#### NORTH VIETNAM PRE-CRUISE OPTION

Day 1 ARRIVE IN HANOI, VIETNAM (Depart the U.S. on March 15 and arrive Hanoi on March 17, 2020)

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city boasts a rich cultural heritage that blends in harmony with its vibrant present. From ancient temples to French Colonial architecture and modern-day skyscrapers, along with beautiful parks and lakes, Hanoi is an eclectic and lively city.

DAY 2 HANOI

Discover some of Hanoi's most famous historic and cultural sites on your guided tour that includes: Ba Dinh Square and The Temple of Literature. You'll also visit the infamous prison that American POWs sarcastically dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War. Take an authentic rickshaw ride, known as "cyclo," in Hanoi's bustling Old Quarter, and then enjoy a traditional water puppet show. (B)

DAY 3 HANOI - HA LONG BAY

Ethereal Ha Long Bay is considered by many to be the Eighth Natural Wonder of the World. Board an elegantly appointed ship designed with all the modern conveniences to ensure smooth sailing for an incredible once-in-a-lifetime experience. The backdrop of the bay's magnificent scenery and dramatic limestone cliffs and rock formations provide you with the perfect setting for a memorable sojourn. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 HA LONG BAY - HANOI - SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA (March 20, 2020)

Spend the morning sailing across the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay with more than 2,000 small islands rising from the water like a dragon's back. Later in the morning, disembark the ship and transfer to Hanoi Airport for a short flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gateway to Angkor Archaelogical Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and formal capital of the Khmer empire. Meet the rest of the group for the continuation of the trip. (B,L)

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

Roundtrip airport/hotel/ship transfers

Airfare into Siem Reap (or Hanoi), returning from Ho Chi Minh City

7 nights luxury accommodation in a twin-balcony stateroom spacious staterooms

3 nights Hotel Stay Siem Reap, 2 nights Ho Chi Mihm City (Option for additional 3 nights in North Vietnam)

# AN ARRAY OF ONBOARD AMENITIES

HIGHLY TRAINED CRUISE MANAGER DURING BOTH CRUISE AND LAND PROGRAMS

Sun deck with pool. Fitness room and three spas

Saigon Lounge with panoramic views and bar, Daily entertainment including cultural performances

#### AWARD-WINNING DINING

All onboard dining in a variety of venues, Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, Welcome Cocktail and Dinner

Unlimited wine with lunch and dinner, Complimentary local beer, house-brand spirits & soft drinks during cruise Snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

#### A WORLD OF EXPLORATION

Immersive tours in every destination with personal headsets

Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options with Knowledgeable guides



#### **THE AMADARA**

This distinctive ship is in a class of her own! AmaWaterways' sole cruise ship on the Mekong River, the AmaDara features French Colonial décor and richly carved wood furniture inspired by the history of the region, as well as local artifacts made by native craftsmen. Air-conditioned interior corridors lead to spacious staterooms and suites, most featuring twin balconies that invite you to enjoy the ever-changing scenery. **Built in 2015, Passengers 124** 

Prices Per Person: \* (additional discounts available for AMAWaterways past passengers)

Category/Deck
B: Sadec, Saigon &
Tonle Decks

**Description**French & Outside
Balcony 251 Sq. Ft.

Prices \$8450 pp double

\$9995 single

A: Saigon Deck French & Outside Balcony 251 Sq. Ft.

\$8690 pp double

Price per person for 3 night pre cruise option: \$1450 pp double, \$2000 single:

### \* DISCOUNTS:

\$100 pp discount for deposits received by June 14, 2019

\$200 pp Group Discount is included in above prices and expires 7/15/19

\$200 pp discount if all payments are made by check

VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY ON THIS CRUISE, EARLY RESERVATION URGED

#### TOUR CONDITIONS 1. \$1150 pp double - \$1225 single deposit is required to hold space on this trip (including a \$550 pp double or \$650 single non-refundable insurance premium) Deadline for deposit: July 15, 2019 2. A current passport valid 6 months after trip's return date is required for this trip. 3. Prices are based on current airfares & taxes as of 5/9/2019 and subject to change 4. Changes in itinerary may be made as deemed necessary by the tour company, travel agency or escort. 5. Deviation request subject to a minimum of \$100 pp non-refundable service fee. 6. There will be no refunds for any unused portion due to early departure from the tour or non-participation in a tour activity including transfers 7. Final payment due Dec.1, 2019. 8. A \$35 p/p document processing fee will be added at the time of final payment. Make checks payable to: ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL & Tours Trust Acct. (please mention trip & dates on check) Mail payments to: Sunnyvale Senior Center P.O.Box 3707, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 (408) 730-7360 CANCELLATION POLICY: Travel Protection is included in tour price. Cancellations must be received in writing. A \$350 pp cancellation fee after deposit if made for cancellation not covered by Insurance. After Dec. 1, 2019, MONEY RETURNED ONLY THROUGH INSURANCE CLAIMS. The premium of \$550 pp double or \$650 single is non-refundable. This protection covers cancellation for physician certified medical issues with traveler, traveling companion or relatives of traveler only. It is NOT cancel for any reason insurance. Final determination of claim made by Travelex Insurance and their policies. DISCLAIMER: All travel events and other activities arranged for THE SUNNYVALE SENIORS OR CITY OF SUNNYVALE are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. 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